up a committee to suggest ways and means to safeguard the country's natural heritage as illegal poaching activties are continuing unabatedly in the country reducing the number of Rhinos, Elephants, Tigers, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any committee has been set up and has given any report and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the number of poachers arrested in the country in the last two years and the section taken against them;

(d) the number of skins of animals seized by Government in the last two years and from whom and what action was taken against them;

(e) whether the Court had also given instructions to strengthen the protective network around the sanctuaries and national parks; and

(f) if so, whether these instructions have been carried out; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has filed a review petition which is under consideration of the Hon'ble Court.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) No, Sir. This falls under the purview of the concerned State Governments.

कस्तूरी मृग का विलोपन

161. **श्री गोविंदराव आदिक** : क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कस्तूरी मृग की प्रजातियां विलुप्त हो रही हैं; और

(ख) सरकार इस वन्य प्राणी को बचाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमलनाथ) : (क) जी, नहीं। तथापि, यह एक संकटापन्न यप्रजाति हैं।

(ख) इस प्रजाति और इसके वास स्थलों को बचाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा उठाए गये कदमों में निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं :–

1. जिन अभयारण्यों में इस प्रजाति के वासस्थल हैं, उनके विकास के लिए केन्द्रीय सहायता प्रदान की जा रही है ;

2. इस प्रजाति को वन्यजीव (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1972 की अनुसूची–I में रखा गया है जिससे इसको कानून के तहत अधिकतम सुरक्षा प्रदान की जाती है ;

3. कानून के तहत इस प्रजाति के शिकार पर पूर्ण प्रतिबंध है और उल्लघन के लिए कठोर दण्ड की व्यवस्था है ;

4. भारत सरकार ने जगंली जानवरों के चोरी-छिपे शिकार करने की सूचना देने के लिए पुरस्कार देने की एक स्कीम शुरू की है ;

5. कस्तूरी मृग के बन्दी अवस्था में प्रजनन को बढावा दिया जा रहा है।

Classification of coastal areas of the country

162. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT

AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal areas of the country has been classified recently under various categories for development activties; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The coastal areas of the country have been classified into four categories for regulating development activities, vide Gagette notification S.O. No. 114(E) dated 20-2-91. Details of the classification are annexed as a statement.

Statement

The classification of the coastal stretches into four categories is as follows:—

Category-1 CRZ-*II*)

(i) Areas that are ecologically sensitive and important such as national parks|marine parks, sanctuaries, reserve forests, wildlife habitas, mangroves, corals coral reefs, areas close to breeding and spawning grounds of fish and other marine life, areas of outstanding natured beauty|history heritage areas, areas rich in genediversity area slikely to be inundated due to rise n sea level consequent upon global warming and such other areas asmay be declared by the control government of the concerned authorities the State/Union Territory level from time to time.

(ii) Area between the Low Tide Line and the High Tide Line.

Category-2 (*CRZ-II*)

The areas that have already been developed upto or close to the shoreline. For this purpose "developed area" is referred to as that area within the municipal limits or in other legally designated urban areas which is already substantially built up and which has been provided with drainage and apprtach roads and other infrastructural facilities, such as water supply and swerage mains.

Category-3 a*CRZ-III*)

Areas that are relatively undisturbed and those which do not belong to either Category-I or II. These will-linclude coastal zone in the rural areas (developed and underdeveloped) and also areas within municipal limits or in other legally designated urban areas which are not substantially built up.

Category-4 (*CRZ-IV*)

Coastal streches in the Andaman and Nicobar Lakshadeep and small islands exccpt those designated as CRZ-I CRZ-II or CRZ-III.

Implementation of the Air (Prevention and control of pollution Act

163. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pelased to state:

(a) whether the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act is being strivtly implemented by Government;

(b) if not, what difficulties are being faced in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government contemplate to take to remove those difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.